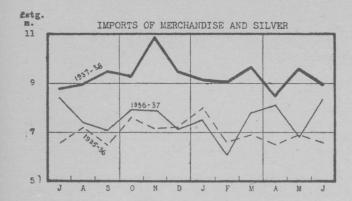
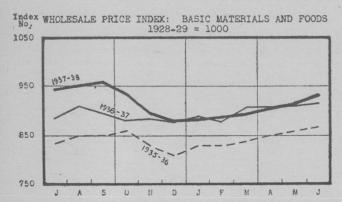
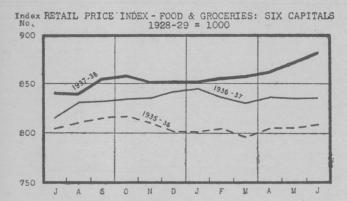
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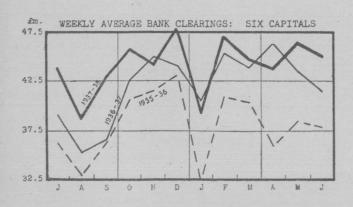
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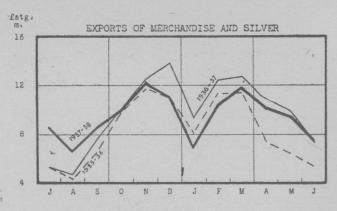
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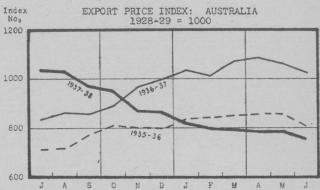


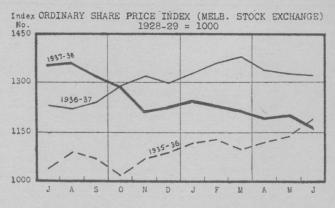


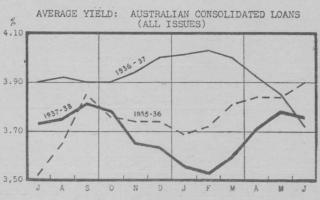












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# INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.(a)

(Base: 1928-29 = 100.)

									Austral	ian Index.
Per	iod.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Un- adjusted.	Divided by Index of Employee Population
Number of empl 1928–29			174,120	149,266	43,436	35,376	19,799	9,984	431,981	
	• •	• •	174,120	149,200	45,450	33,370	19,799	7,704	431,901	• •
Index for— 1928-29 1929-30 1930-31 1931-32 1932-33	•••	• • •	100 90 70 69 76	100 97 80 81 92	100 94 84 79 82	100 87 64 64 71	100 94 69 63 70	100 104 84 85 87	100 93 75 74 82	100 92 72 71 77
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38	•••	• • •	85 97 107 115 125	100 108 117 123 131	88 94 99 106 112	80 91 105 111 116	77 85 100 108 110	92 100 110 118 123	90 100 109 116 124	84 92 100 105
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(a) Excluding Working Proprietors.

The estimated percentage changes in employment in factories from June, 1937, to June, 1938 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States) are:—New South Wales, + 5.8; Victoria, + 2.4; Queensland, + 2.7; South Australia, - 5.9; Western Australia, - 0.9; Tasmania, + 5.9; Australia, + 2.5 (or, taking account of the growth of employee population, + 1.8).

# INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

(Base: July, 1933 = 100.)

									Australi	an Index.
	Period.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Un- adjusted.	Divided by Index of Employee Population.
1933—July 1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38			100 103 111 118 124 130	100 107 118 130 137 141	100 101 106 109 111 112	100 102 108 114 115 115	100 99 105 110 115	100 106 108 112 119 118	100 104 112 119 125 128	100 103 110 116 120 122
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The estimated percentage changes in employment in retail stores from June, 1937, to June, 1938 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States) are:—New South Wales, + 4.0; Victoria, + 0.7; Queensland, + 2.7; South Australia, Nil; Western Australia, + 0.9; Tasmania, + 4.1; Australia, + 2.4 (or, taking account of the growth of employee population, + 0.8)

### NEW SOUTH WALES: EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

The following table, compiled by the Government Statistician of New South Wales from Census data, the returns of private employers accompanying remittances of wages tax, and returns of Government employment, gives the best measure available of the course of total employment and unemployment in New South Wales.

		Percentage of	all who are dependen	t on and available for en	mployment—
Middle of	month.	Including full-time eq relief workers v		Excluding full-time eq	
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Employed.	Unemployed.	Employed.	Unemployed.
1933—June 1934—June 1935—June 1936—June		74.4 80.5 85.9 89.3	25.6 19.5 14.1 10.7	73.5 77.8 83.1 87.1	26.5 22.2 16.9 12.9
March April May June July August September October November December (a)		92.2 92.6 93.1 93.5 93.8 94.3 95.1 96.2 96.9 97.2	7.8 7.4 6.9 6.5 6.2 5.7 4.9 3.8 3.1 2.8	90.8 91.3 91.9 92.3 92.6 93.0 93.9 95.1 95.7 96.0	9.2 8.7 8.1 7.7 7.4 7.0 6.1 4.9 4.3 4.0
January February March April May June		94.6 96.0 96.0 96.0 95.8 96.1	5.4 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.2 3.9	93.5 95.0 94.9 94.9 94.8 95.1	6.5 5.0 5.1 5.1 5.2 4.9

(a) Adjusted to exclude casual seasonal assistants in retail stores.

### NOTES.

1. The index of employment is the ratio of the number in employment to the estimated number of wage earners available for employment. The index of unemployment is the residue, but both indexes are derived by modifying the Census ratios in accordance with subsequent changes.

subsequent changes.

2. "Number in employment" is virtually a direct record; "number of available wage earners" is an estimate derived by increasing the total wage earners in employment (plus unemployed) at the Census of 1933 in ratio to the annual increase in persons aged 15 to 64 years. In order to increase the degree of precision in the index, adjustment has now been made in the number of available wage earners thus estimated to allow for (a) increase in the proportion of females who are wage earners, (b) youths who—according to details recently made available—were without occupation but were not recorded in the wage-earning group at the Census of 1933. Adjustment for seasonal variations in employment is not made.

3. At the Census of 1933, 15,142 persons, or 1.8 per cent. of total dependent on employment, were unemployed by reason of illness, accident, &c., or voluntarily. These are excluded from the above indexes, which relate to percentages of available wage earners employed and unemployed.

4. The percentages of unemployment shown above are approximations relating to all wage earners of both sexes. Separate estimates for males and females cannot be made from the data available. It is known, however, that there is relatively little unemployment among females; unemployment among males is probably between 1 per cent. and 1.5 per cent. greater than the ratio shown above for both sexes combined.

# QUEENSLAND: EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

The following table, compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry from the amount of contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Scheme, wages paid from the Unemployment Relief Fund, and other records, gives the best measure available of total adult male employment in Queensland.

### MEN WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS.

	Per	rcentage of all who are	e dependent on employr	ment.
Three months ended—	Including full-time workers w	e equivalent of relief with employed.		ttent Relief Workers ' employed.
	Employed.	Unemployed.	Employed.	Unemployed.
1933—June	79.0 85.0 89.9 91.8	21.0 15.0 10.1 8.2	72.9 80.2 85.2 86.4	27.1 19.8 14.8 13.6
1937—  March  April  May  June  July  August  September  October  November  December	91.4 93.6 94.0 94.3 94.5 94.9 95.0 95.2 95.2 95.5	8.6 6.4 6.0 5.7 5.5 5.1 5.0 4.8 4.8 4.5	87.8 90.0 90.3 90.5 90.7 91.2 91.4 91.5 91.7	12.2 10.0 9.7 9.5 9.3 8.8 8.6 8.5 8.3 8.1
1938—  January	95.4 95.3 95.4 95.2 95.3	4.6 4.7 4.6 4.8 4.7	91.8 91.8 91.7 91.6 91.7	8.2 8.2 8.3 8.4 8.3

### NOTES.

<sup>1.</sup> The measurement is in terms of "full-time" employment, including its equivalent in "rationed" employment.

<sup>2.</sup> Normal seasonal variations are not recorded, the figures showing the trend apart from such changes.

<sup>3.</sup> The indexes have been adjusted to allow for the estimated increase in the number of men dependent on employment.

### TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only regular records of unemployment available in comparable form over a considerable period are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 54 per cent. of the total trade union membership and about 20 per cent. of all wage and salary earners.

The percentages stated for New South Wales and Queensland differ from those given on previous pages partly because of differences in the field of employment covered, and partly because the trade union returns relate only to the position as it is known to the unions.

	Period.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1928-29 1929-30 1930-31 1931-32 1932-33		• • •	% 10.6 15.9 27.4 32.0 31.2	9.7 14.6 23.1 26.5 24.8	% 7.0 8.0 13.6 18.1 17.4	% 14.6 18.9 29.1 33.8 32.0	9.1 13.8 24.1 28.7 28.0	10.4 14.1 26.0 27.6 22.4	% 10.2 14.6 24.3 28.7 27.5
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38		••	26.7 23.6 17.4 12.8 10.0	19.8 15.7 11.9 10.1 8.2	13.8 9.8 8.3 7.4 6.9	28.3 22.0 13.6 9.4 7.3	21.0 15.7 11.0 6.0 5.4	18.3 17.3 13.6 11.3 10.0	22.7 18.9 14.0 10.6 8.5
937— May August Novembe	 er	• •	11.4 10.5 10.1	9.6 9.5 7.3	7.6 7.2 6.6	8.3 8.4 6.5	5.6 6.6 5.0	10.4 10.6 10.2	9.7 9.3 8.2
938— February May	•••		9.6 9.8	7.3	6.6 7.2	6.9 7.5	4.8 5.3	8.8 10.4	8.0 8.6

# INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY, 1938, TO MAY, 1938.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 4.4% to 8.1%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 3.5% to 3.6%; III. Food, drink and tobacco, &c., 15.5% to 19.5%; IV. Clothing, hats, boots, &c., 13.2% to 12.5%; V. Books, printing, &c., 3.5% to 4.3%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 8.7% to 8.8%; VII. Building, 8.3% to 8.5%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 13.4% to 13.0%; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 9.5% to 9.7%; IX., XII., XIII. and XIV. Other and Miscellaneous, 6.3% to 6.9%; All Groups, 8.0% to 8.6%.

### BALANCE OF OVERSEA TRADE.

In the following table the oversea trade of the Commonwealth in physical commodities has been set out in a form which distinguishes between the ordinary trade in commodities other than gold, those movements of gold which may be regarded as resulting from current Australian production, and those movements of gold which cannot be attributed to the fact that Australia is a gold-producing country. The balance of trade on "current" account (that is, including credits from gold produced rather than gold exported) is given in columns D and E. The total balance of trade, as officially recorded, is given by the total of columns D and F.

Out of the credits mentioned above, together with those accruing from other "invisible" sources and existing balances of "oversea funds", Australia has to provide for various recurrent charges incurred overseas, and some payments of a capital nature. Chief among the former are the oversea interest commitments of the Australian Governments and other public bodies, which for the present trade year are estimated at approximately £22,000,000 sterling.

£'000 Sterling.

	Merchandise	and Silver.	Gold.	Net Credits from	Current Items.	Gold.
Period.	Imports.	Exports.	Current Production.	Excess of Exports and Gold Production over Imports.	Progressive totals from 1st July.	Net Exports in excess of current Production.
1928–29	A. 143,300 130,788 60,586 44,059 56,872	B. 138,646 .98,256 77,050 75,813 78,547	C. 1,860 1,878 2,164 3,609 4,606	D. -2,794 -30,654 18,628 35,363 26,281	E	F. 779 24,700 9,738 5,273 12,302
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38 (a)	59,502 72,440 83,617 90,642 111,476	90,713 82,133 98,656 117,645 112,367	5,671 5,891 7,358 9,026 10,151	36,882 15,584 22,397 36,029 11,042		978 522 1,258 340 806
1936–37—  March April May June	7,802 8,143 6,766 8,466	12,761 11,262 10,082 7,477	739 773 802 805	5,698 3,892 4,118 —184	28,203 32,095 36,213 36,029	125 89 229 —49
July	8,810 8,985 9,478 9,284 10,817 9,441 9,103 9,022 9,651 8,411 9,575 8,899	8,478 6,550 8,457 9,930 12,197 11,089 6,928 10,350 11,785 9,970 9,348 7,285	789 807 815 795 886 957 778 873 849 862 865 875	457 -1,628 -206 1,441 2,266 2,605 -1,397 2,201 2,983 2,421 638 -739	457 -1,171 -1,377 64 2,330 4,935 3,538 5,739 8,722 11,143 11,781 11,042	282 67 102 112 -97 74 144 94 -70 -56 165

(a) Subject to revision.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

			Producers	' Mater	ials for use	in—								
Period.	Building Construc		Rura Industr		Manufact	uring.	Tota	l.	Fuels a Lubrica		Auxiliary to Produc		Munition War St	
	Class	Ia.	Class I	В.	Class	lc.	Class	I.	Class	ıi.	Class	III.	Class	VII.
	£ stg. 000	%	£ stg. 000.	%	£ stg. 000.	%	£ stg. 000.	%	£ stg. 000	%	£ stg. 000.	%	£ stg. 000.	%
1928–29	10,192	7.1	1,906	1.3	53,147	37.1	65,245	45.5	9,543	6.7	4,948	3.5	441	0.3
1932–33	1,903 2,367 3,358 3,928 3,653	3.3 4.0 4.6 4.7 4.0	955 873 976 1,261 1,498	1.7 1.4 1.3 1.5 1.7	27,227 26,559 31,609 34,050 36,160	47.9 44.7 43.7 40.8 39.9	30,085 29,799 35,943 39,239 41,311	52.9 50.1 49.6 47.0 45.6	5,065 4,379 4,421 5,636 6,537	8.9 7.4 6.1 6.7 7.2	4,446 3,899 3,692 4,179 4,292	7.8 6.6 5.1 5.0 4.7	116 161 192 476 339	0.2 0.3 0.3 0.6 0.4
March April May	400 366 465	4.2 4.3 4.9	124 106 120	1.3 1.3 1.2	3,998 3,395 3,596	41.4 40.4 37.6	4,522 3,867 4,181	46.9 46.0 43.7	702 756 621	7.3 9.0 6.5	407 344 362	4.2 4.1 3.8	19 7 38	$0.2 \\ 0.1 \\ 0.4$
July-May	4,518	4.4	1,476	1.4	41,495	40.5	47,489	46.3	7,588 7.4		4,655	4.5	382	0.4
			Capital Equipment. Finished Consum							umers' Goo	ods.			
			Tra	nsport	Equipment.						distribution of the control of the c			
Period.	Produc Equipm		Road Ve	plete	Railw equipment and c	, vessels	Food, Be and To		Clothin		All ot	her.	Tota	al.
	Class	IV.	Class	VB.	Class V.	A, C, D.	Class VI.	A, B, C.	Class V	I. D.	Class VI. E-J.		-J. Class V	
	£ stg. 000.	%	£ stg. 000.	%	£ stg. 000.	%	£ stg. 000	. %	£ stg. 000.	%	£stg. 000.	%	£ stg.000.	%
1928–29	12,077	8.4	15,216	10.6	1,343	0.9	10,606	7.4	2,925	2.1	20,937	14.6	34,468	24.1
1932–33 1933–34 1934–35 1935–36	3,110 3,947 5,811 7,909 9,301	5.5 6.6 8.0 9.5 10.3	2,159 3,820 6,149 8,613 9,183	3.8 6.4 8.5 10.3 10.2	530 529 972 . 702 1,536	1.0 0.9 1.3 0.8 1.7	3,445 4,550 4,752 4,720 5,427	7.7	252 358 434	0.3 0.4 0.5 0.5 0.5	10,131 11,613	13.6 13.6 14.0 13.9 13.4	11,332 12,901 15,241 16,767 18,093	19.9 21.7 21.1 20.1 19.9
March April May	1,132 976 995	11.7 11.6 10.4	1,092 963 1,081	11.3 11.5 11.3	67 17 816	0.7 0.2 8.5	545 421 419	5.7 5.0 4.4		0.7 0.6 0.4	1,093 997 1,019	11.3 11.9 10.6	1,708 1,470 1,478	17.7 17.5 15.4
July-May	11,062	10.8	11,229	11.0	1,636	1.6	5,122	5.0	666	0.6	12,702	12.4	18,490	18.0

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

£'000 Sterling.

			Prod	icers' Ma (Class I.).	terials		Consumer (Class VI.		Total Imports of Merchandise (All Classes).				
	Period.		Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.	
1928-29			15,198	5,252	44,794	906	5,176	28,386	16,104	20,226	106,951	143,281	
1932–33 1933–34 1934–35 1935–36	••	• •	6,141 6,353 8,028 9,612	2,898 2,921 3,555 3,552	21,046 20,525 24,361 26,075	347 345 411 226 477	1,844 2,752 2,726 2,733	9,141 9,804 12,104 13,808	6,488 6,698 8,439 9,838 11,255	11,376 11,632 12,626 14,064 15,845	38,979 41,105 51,356 59,619 63,492	56,843 59,435 72,421 83,521 90,592	
1936–37 1937–38–		• •	10,778	3,922	26,610	4//	3,190	14,427	11,2))	13,043		70,372	
May July-N	Iay		968 12,038	385 4,424	2,828 31,027	40 462	232 2,842	1,207 15,186	1,008 12,500	1,441 17,421	7,123 72,610	9,572 102,531	

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

£'000 Australian Currency.

Period.		Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Merchan- dise and Silver.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33		61,615 36,601 32,003 32,103 36,408	26,335 14,985 18,258 23,053 21,954	7,159 7,002 8,621 10,250 8,940	2,392 2,217 1,806 2,516 1,491	6,342 6,264 5,753 6,370 6,001	9,291 6,593 3,643 2,316 2,369	3,250 3,453 2,425 2,271 2,388	2,301 2,171 2,250 1,966 2,231	943 1,863 1,588 2,086 2,418	138,648 98,259 90,464 96,512 98,399
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38		57,126 39,266 52,346 62,505 47,044	12,141 16,220 18,571 24,352 26,956	8,194 9,587 9,833 8,802 10,143	2,297 2,198 2,178 2,890 4,037	7,097 8,847 8,754 10,332 12,210	4,391 3,506 5,650 7,302 6,198	2,421 2,417 3,849 4,853 4,917	2,652 2,166 1,987 2,060 2,692	2,012 1,822 2,027 1,980 2,060	113,868 103,170 123,853 147,670 141,241
March April May June 1937–38—	•••	8,094 5,545 3,838 1,750	3,027 2,173 3,287 2,768	749 991 903 551	1 1 2 7	675 786 958 1,078	507 592 539 592	440 615 362 362	78 659 473 235	425 723 397 151	15,983 14,109 12,750 9,371
July August September October November December January February March April May June		3,609 1,101 3,930 4,948 6,519 5,503 1,474 5,445 5,317 3,475 3,131 2,592	1,928 1,498 792 1,362 • 1,451 2,123 2,195 2,936 3,437 3,997 3,144 2,093	307 243 389 869 1,474 1,120 1,251 1,270 1,262 840 605 513	368 839 642 502 608 633 407 32 1 2	860 658 760 1,204 1,795 1,380 881 768 938 946 1,094 926	892 995 893 735 520 383 234 290 309 267 297 383	262 281 753 541 484 450 355 308 366 260 541 316	200 273 70 112 31 * 11 4 22 247 683 710 329	73 56 34 33 37 28 7 49 629 495 371 248	10,715 8,212 10,595 12,428 15,351 13,888 8,679 12,966 14,762 12,528 11,995 9,122

# EXPORT PRICES AND EXPORT PRICE INDEX.

The following table shows the course of prices of seven of the more important Australian export commodities. The quotations are for units of standard grade, and hence do not reflect variations in the grades or qualities of the goods actually exported in each month. Index-numbers of the average level of export prices are included. They are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities, which constitute at present about 85 per cent. of all exports.

		1	Export Parit	ies—Austra	lian Currenc	y.		General Price	Export Index.
Monthly Weighted Averages.	Wool (Greasy Merino, standard).	Wheat (shippers' limits).	Butter (choicest salted).	Sugar (raw).	Beef (crops and hinds).	Lamb (average of three qualities).	Lead.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
	d. per lb.	d. per bus.	sh. per cwt.	£ per ton.	d. per lb.	d. per lb.	£ per ton.	1928–29	= 1,000.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	16.58 10.73 8.93 8.45 8.38	55.49 57.10 29.06 34.92 33.75	159.6 143.1 121.0 117.9 92.8	11.63 10.13 9.60 9.85 9.65	4.00 4.05 3.35 3.22 2.68	7.20 6.59 6.00 6.59 4.34	21.01 19.98 15.61 14.65 12.72	1,000 812 608 593 579	1,000 817 620 612 601
1933–34	14.56 9.45 13.36 16.39 13.12	33.00 34.94 41.81 60.00 52.69	80.7 81.7 105.6 112.5 134.5	9.16 8.61 8.82 9.71 8.65	2.59 3.05 3.13 3.47 4.02	6.26 6.27 7.13 6.94 7.17	13.07 12.40 18.94 27.27 20.26	796 615 782 959 849	764 642 806 975 870
1936–37— March	17.8 18.6 18.3 17.2	64.06 64.39 62.56 59.87	107.0 116.0 118.0 120.0	10.81 10.73 10.68 10.97	3.70 3.81 4.26 4.26	6.51 6.51 6.54 6.99	39.66 30.85 28.36 26.98	1,057 1,071 1,051 1,010	1,070 1,083 1,064 1,024
July August September October November December January February March April May June	(17.0) 17.2 15.4 14.2 12.6 13.3 11.9 11.4 11.3 11.0 11.3	64.44 60.18 59.31 59.66 53.98 51.65 51.86 51.51 47.96 46.02 44.35 41.32	126.0 130.0 134.0 158.0 147.0 124.0 122.0 124.0 131.0 140.0 143.0 135.0	9.66 9.50 9.45 9.36 8.88 9.05 8.84 8.11 7.89 7.59 7.65 7.80	3.67 3.63 3.70 3.65 3.65 3.65 3.79 4.06 4.59 4.61 4.61	7.00 7.19 7.56 7.69 7.82 7.89 7.15 6.65 6.43 6.65 7.06 6.94	27.80 26.70 23.90 21.30 19.30 18.44 18.75 17.83 18.55 18.06 16.43 16.02	1,017 1,014 956 932 847 841 794 773 766 757 759 727	1,031 1,028 972 949 869 862 818 797 791 782 784 753

<sup>(</sup>a) After discussions with representatives of the Sugar Industry, the basis of the calculated export parity price of sugar has been slightly amended. The export parity price has been revised in this table back to 1928–29, so the figures are comparable throughout the period.

# EXPORT PRICE INDEX (CHANGING BASE).

In computing the monthly index-numbers given on the previous page, the prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period. Hence, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

Base: Weighted Average Price Level in corresponding months of preceding year = 1,000.

	Me	onth.		Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.	Period of trade year ending in monti stated compared with same period of preceding year.
1936–37— March April May June		.:	 	1,260 1,268 1,243 1,258	1,182 1,198 1,202 1,205
July August September October November December January February March April May June				1,236 1,159 1,137 1,064 890 868 832 744 731 732 755 760	1,236 1,200 1,174 1,137 1,057 1,010 986 945 919 897 884

# WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

### BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

This new index is intended to replace the old Melbourne Index of General Wholesale Prices. Its construction has been made possible by the collection of new data on prices and consumption. Both the contents and the method of computation have been altered. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and dealers, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

				(Dasc. 1	720-27 —	1,000.)				
Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chem-icals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 1929-30 1930-31 1931-32 1932-33	1,000 992 917 852 823	1,000 1,048 1,103 1,066 1,022	1,000 769 619 594 586	1,000 953 965 984 976	1,000 753 634 642 604	1,000 992 1,012 1,004 1,000	1,000 1,027 849 801 745	1,000 1,031 1,098 1,093 1,066	1,000 996 832 779 732	1,000 1,004 898 857 815
1933–34	808 766 725 758 798	794 842 895 925 951	792 609 774 920 776	917 840 816 814 824	697 674 766 963 844	991 981 981 1,044 1,098	788 816 857 910 937	977 1,009 1,037 1,088 1,117	755 749 776 828 848	811 814 840 892 914
1936–37— March	805 792 786 784	959 958 956 955	995 1,049 1,040 986	815 815 815 815	1,184 1,183 1,084 1,014	1,085 1,119 1,139 1,137	887 886 895 910	1,137 1,150 1,149 1,138	827 824 827 837	903 904 906 911
July August September November December January February March April May June	787 788 808 799 795 792 804 800 801 801 799 797	954 955 954 955 953 952 952 951 949 947 946 944	982 984 901 841 768 785 719 696 676 662 663 635	815 815 821 821 823 822 831 831 830 830	1,015 1,045 1,005 965 848 866 816 744 734 714 691 684	1,148 1,155 1,154 1,119 1,099 1,082 1,085 1,077 1,071 1,071 1,059 1,061	964 975 990 969 903 876 888 896 913 933 952 986	1,154 1,152 1,138 1,129 1,116 1,111 1,110 1,104 1,109 1,092 1,094	872 882 894 875 824 805 813 817 828 841 854 875	941 949 957 936 895 879 885 886 894 903 911 928

# PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base 1928–29 = 1,000 from the revised series recently published in *Production Bulletin* No. 30. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of the Commonwealth.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and to provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

Period.		Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	Mining other than Gold.	Gold.	All Groups.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	••	1,000 938 649 717 679	1,000 811 639 550 538	1,000 949 759 683 610	1,000 967 913 742 686	1,000 1,000 1,000 1,410 1,718	1,000 888 690 647 618
1933–34	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	675 749 803 980 931	801 596 767 891 814	599 646 711 731 778	684 689 735 807 762	1,817 2,002 2,062 2,047 2,035	731 674 781 897 853
1936–37— March April May June	•	1,018 1,026 1,010 982	933 952 943 923	733 731 731 737	949 854 819 808	2,069 2,053 2,044 2,043	939 941 929 912
July August September October November December January February March April May June		1,046 1,023 997 999 917 891 910 911 883 871 872 853	952 980 954 884 793 783 736 720 730 733 746 756	757 764 770 779 771 775 774 772 771 772 805 828	846 835 817 774 759 735 751 728 737 733 720 706	2,036 2,028 2,040 2,042 2,037 2,032 2,029 2,031 2,033 2,032 2,036 2,045	951 956 937 905 838 824 811 802 799 797 807

# RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base 1928-29=1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute heights of the index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those published elsewhere.

			Retail Price I	ndexes : Six (	Capital Cities.			e Indexes : States.
Period.		Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c. and Rent (B Series).	Clothing and Miscellaneous.	Food, Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous (C Series).	Nominal Weekly Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wages, Adult Males.(a)
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1,000 1,001 869 802 753	1,000 1,006 912 791 754	1,000 1,003 885 798 753	1,000 989 932 881 858	1,000 997 903 830 794	1,000 1,004 942 863 813	1,000 1,007 1,043 1,040 1,024
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38	• •	761 786 807 834 856	752 770 803 838 867	756 780 805 836 860	852 848 850 862 879	794 807 823 846 868	804 815 824 844	1,013 1,010 1,001 998
1936–37— April May June	• •	836 834 835	} 848	841	870	851	854	1,004
1937–38— July August September October	• •	841 840 855 858	858	850	874	859	875	1,019
November December January February March	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	851 851 850 854 856	863	857 860	880	866	896	1,035
April May June	• •	861 870 881	877	874	882	876		••

<sup>(</sup>a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by "C" series index of retail prices.

# RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND BASIC WAGE RATES.

New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals of Six States
873 882 1,010 44.07 75/- 75/- 71/6	858 859 1,001 46.28 72/- 73/- (h)	819 911 1,112 43.68 71/- 70/- 78/-	850 824 969 46.55 70/- 71/- 69/6	854 900 1,054 45.28 72/- 73/- 74/11	859 851 991 46.31 72/- 73/- (h)	859 875 1,019 45.05 73/- 73/-
881 915 1,039 44.07 78/- 78/- 78/-	864 875 1,013 46 · 22 76/- 77/- (h)	827 921 1,114 43.68 73/- 74/- 78/-	854 852 998 46.55 73/- 74/- 74/-	850 902 1,061 45 · 25 75/- 75/- 74/11	871 864 992 46.24 75/- 75/- (h)	866 896 1,035 45.03 75/- 76/-
882 (b) 79/- 79/-	864 77/- (h)	829 74/- 78/-	861 (b) 75/- 74/-	856 (b) 74/- 74/11	868 (b) 76/- (h)	868 (b) 77/-
890 79/- 79/-	875 77/- (h)	833 (c) 75/- 81/-	872 75/- 74/-	869 (c) 75/- 74/11	868 76/- (h)	876 77/-
(i) 80/- (i) 80/-	(i) 78/- (h)	75/- 81/-	(i) 76/- 74/-	(i) 76/- 80/-	76/- , (h)	77/-
	873 882 1,010 44.07 75/- 75/- 71/6 881 915 1,039 44.07 78/- 78/- 78/- 78/- 78/- 78/- 79/- (i) 80/-	873 858 859 1,010 44.07 46.28 75/- 72/- 75/- 73/- 71/6 (h)  881 864 915 875 1,039 1,013 44.07 46.22 78/- 76/- 78/- (h)  882 864 77/- 78/- (h)  882 864 77/- 78/- (h)  8890 875 79/- 79/- (h)	Wales.   Victoria.   Queensland.	Wales.         Victoria.         Queensland.         Australia.           873         858         819         850           882         859         911         824           1,010         1,001         1,112         969           44.07         46.28         43.68         46.55           75/-         73/-         70/-         71/-           71/6         (h)         78/-         69/6           881         864         827         854           915         875         921         852           1,039         1,013         1,114         998           44.07         46.22         43.68         46.55           78/-         76/-         73/-         73/-           78/-         77/-         74/-         74/-           78/-         77/-         74/-         74/-           882         864         829         861           (b) 79/-         77/-         78/-         75/-           79/-         77/-         75/-         75/-           79/-         79/-         81/-         74/-	State	State

<sup>(</sup>a) Weighted average Six Capitals or Six States 1928–29 = 1,000. (b) Payable as from 1st March. Rates based on December quarter, 1937, index-numbers. (c) Payable as from 1st June. Rates based on March quarter, 1938, index-numbers. (d) Payable as from first pay-period in July. These rates are the rates based on the March quarter index-numbers plus the first instalments of the "prosperity loadings". (e) Payable as from 1st September. Rates based on June quarter index-numbers plus the first instalments of the "prosperity loadings". (f) Payable as from first pay-period in October. Rates based on June quarter index-numbers plus the full "prosperity loadings". (g) Payable as from 1st December. Rates based on September quarter index-numbers plus full "prosperity loadings". (h) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (i) Payable as from 1st September. Rates based on June quarter, 1938, index-numbers.

# SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: NEW SOUTH WALES.

In comparing movements in the three sets of index-numbers given below, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the tables.

					New South	Wales : Ordina	ary Shares.(a)		
	Period.	,	23 Manufactur- ing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscel- laneous).	34 Active shares included in foregoing.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1,000 885 518 507 680	1,000 794 428 395 506	1,000 969 744 791 1,024	1,000 698 425 503 618	1,000 860 607 595 711	1,000 851 528 508 640	1,000 855 552 551 698
1933-34 1934-35 1935-36 1936-37 1937-38	••	••	835 951 1,079 1,208 1,235	684 836 967 1,110 1,056	1,175 1,351 1,445 1,419 1,441	828 794 824 926 882	877 1,068 1,178 1,209 1,130	795 910 1,006 1,091 1,077	851 956 1,070 1,163 1,145
1936–37– March April May June			1,252 1,237 1,235 1,238	1,137 1,114 1,102 1,076	1,434 1,424 1,427 1,428	975 990 998 983	1,205 1,202 1,199 1,193	1,123 1,113 1,107 1,100	1,202 1,190 1,188 1,180
July August Septen Octobe Novem Decem January Februa March April May June	aber ber ber		1,260 1,276 1,250 1,231 1,226 1,220 1,241 1,244 1,225 1,207 1,225 1,211	1,104 1,100 1,093 1,066 1,045 1,029 1,045 1,043 1,042 1,025 1,042 1,032	1,437 1,464 1,474 1,467 1,454 1,441 1,445 1,463 1,414 1,409 1,420 1,403	974 988 960 926 897 887 880 862 845 828 794 738	1,189 1,190 1,180 1,148 1,135 1,137 1,131 1,085 1,067 1,089 1,100	1,111 1,119 1,104 1,085 1,075 1,068 1,075 1,062 1,048 1,057 1,045	1,191 1,201 1,174 1,153 1,143 1,141 1,155 1,146 1,127 1,108 1,115 1,091

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values.

# SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: MELBOURNE AND QUEENSLAND.

(Base: 1928-29 = 1,000.)

			I	Melbourne Stoo	ck Exchange.(a	)	Queenslar	nd: Ordinary S	hares.(b)
	Period.	, ,	32 Ordinary Shares.	15 Preference Shares.	9 Bank Shares.	4 Silverlead Shares.	12 Industrials.	Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33			1,000 841 529 565 747	1,000 963 856 926 1,124	1,000 859 637 594 618	1,000 906 457 600 693	1,000 897 634 654 763	1,000 948 751 700 773	1,000 922 691 676 767
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	895 980 1,098 1,303 1,247	1,235 1,333 1,277 1,239 1,242	692 650 702 749 686	908 1,017 1,542 2,554 2,222	913 977 1,028 1,053 1,062	884 925 935 937 947	899 952 982 996 1,006
1936–37- March April May June		• •	1,375 1,337 1,330 1,316	1,254 1,233 1,217 1,219	795 791 779 755	3,430 3,025 2,883 2,802	1,076 1,084 1,083 1,081	952 950 957 946	1,016 1,019 1,022 1,015
July Augus Septen Octobe Novem Decem Januar Februa March April May June	t nber er nber ber y ary		1,352 1,356 1,315 1,285 1,206 1,221 1,243 1,226 1,210 1,189 1,199 1,160	1,228 1,247 1,240 1,242 1,235 1,242 1,247 1,251 1,250 1,245 1,250 1,223	733 726 701 698 698 687 695 676 668 657 655 642	2,879 3,055 2,807 2,384 2,062 2,161 2,018 1,893 1,841 1,723 1,679	1,066 1,072 1,061 1,067 1,081 1,081 1,107 1,080 1,050 1,019 1,024 1,033	952 963 947 932 945 942 951 951 960 943 940 938	1,011 1,019 1,006 1,001 1,014 1,013 1,031 1,017 1,007 982 983 987

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled by the Stock Exchange of Melbourne. The index-numbers of ordinary shares are based on the prices of the shares of companies whose business is more or less national in character. They represent averages (weighted by paid-up capital, with adjustments in the case of bank shares) of the mean monthly prices on the Melbourne Stock Exchange. The preference share index-numbers are based on the reciprocals of average yields. Recomputed from original base, May, 1926. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. End-of-month values were used until December, 1930, and mean monthly values thereafter. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

# BUILDING PERMITS: METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

£'000.

				<b>80</b> 0,000				
			I	Recorded Value	of "All Building	Operations " i	n	
0	Monthly Averages	Common-wealth.	N	lew South Wales			Victoria.	
		Maximum comparable total (excludes G, J and L).	Metropolis.	Country Municipalities.	7 Shires near Sydney.	Metropolis.	6 provincial Municipalities.	4 provincial Municipalities.
	•	A.	В.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.
	1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	3,118 2,109 621 477 722	1,387 837 207 83 188	357 304 82 50 88	79 58 23 16 21	638 465 118 155 214	19 16 9 5	
	1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37	1,175 1,814 2,288 2,533	345 636 782 848	137 223 312 362	32 43 49 54	352 467 597 666	13 14 21 29	33
	Quarters ended— 1935–36— March June	2,215 2,470	818 812	306 329	48 45	594 648	22 30	36 31
	1936–37— September December March June	2,684 2,404 2,102 2,937	946 799 650 995	377 326 336 407	73 52 40 52	673 557 555 881	31 24 30 31	41 28 32 31
	1937–38— September December March	3,006 2,764 2,926	1,026 1,082 1,036	410 378 480	92 83 83	648 649 639	55 25 34	45 41 33
	Months of— 1937–38— March April May		1,303 1,256 1,292			795 749 741		

A. This column is the total of all series available continuously since 1928–29 for which information is at present collected at least quarterly. Columns G above and J on the next page are omitted as the information is not available for the earlier years, and column L on the next page is omitted because quarterly figures are not available.

F. Includes the Cities of Geelong West, Mildura and Warrnambool and the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale. G. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong, and Shepparton Borough.

# BUILDING PERMITS: METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL-continued.

£'000.

			Recorded Value		ng Operations " in		
Monthly Averages during—		Queensland.	ecorded value		Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
	Metropolis.	11 Provincial Cities.	10 Provincial Towns.	Metropolis.	Country Municipalities.	Metropolis.	Metropolis.
	Н.	I.	J.	K.	L.	M.	N.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	203 118 92 73 66	61 53 23 22 33		151 96 26 18 33	34 29 11 10 18	210 153 33 50 61	13 9 8 5
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37	104 138 188 167	45 66 74 83	23 25	51 97 103 118	25 23 34 33	82 113 135 168	14 17 27 38
Quarters ended— 1935–36— March June	138 239	62 79	15 24	84 108		126 134	17 46
1936–37— September December March June	151 211 129 177	80 87 79 84	27 38 20 16	104 114 122 131		200 186 134 153	49 48 27 26
1937–38— September December March	214 135 197	121 75 76	37 26 29	199 144 196		201 161 143	40 32 42
Months of— 1937–38—     March     April     May	214 117 128	78 106 87	40 17 50	175 133 176	· · ·	174 148 190	52 15 55

### NOTES.

I. The Cities included are Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville, and Warwick.

J. The Towns included are Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Gladstone, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe.

L. The figures relate to financial years as follows:—For Corporations, years ended 30th November up to and including 1934, seven months ended 30th June, 1935, and years ended 30th June, "thereafter. For District Councils, years ended 30th June.

# BUILDING PERMITS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.(a)

Monthly Averag	es.	New D	wellings.	Other New	Buildings.	Total New	Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	All Building Operations
		Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
1928–29( <i>b</i> ) 1929–30( <i>b</i> ) 1930–31( <i>b</i> ) 1931–32 1932–33		1,590 982 202 169 291	£'000. 1,529 941 169 128 266	444 423 250 203 222	£'000. 607 389 184 154 125	2,034 1,405 452 372 513	£'000. 2,136 1,330 353 282 391	£'000. 465 348 132 102 180	£'000. 2,601 1,678 485 384 571
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37	• •	500 763 1,025 1,122	509 800 1,028 1,105	109 139 165 156	199 320 430 488	609 902 1,190 1,278	708 1,120 1,458 1,593	240 348 374 412	948 1,468 1,832 2,005
1936–37— March April May June		1,053 1,174 1,153 1,308	961 1,253 1,191 1,292	133 174 167 177	336 603 632 741	1,186 1,348 1,320 1,485	1,297 1,856 1,823 2,033	407 466 510 497	1,704 2,322 2,333 2,530
July August September October November December January February March April		1,337 1,527 1,405 1,466 1,360 996 1,174 1,356 1,590 1,360	1,272 1,526 1,364 1,490 1,298 1,048 1,144 1,375 1,590 1,579	156 147 165 146 171 108 132 120 165 120 186	772 493 370 431 492 616 309 312 662 469 465	1,493 1,674 1,570 1,612 1,531 1,104 1,306 1,476 1,755 1,480 1,747	2,044 2,019 1,734 1,921 1,790 1,664 1,453 1,687 2,252 2,048 2,083	367 389 437 391 500 345 507 396 460 370 499	2,411 2,408 2,171 2,312 2,290 2,009 1,960 2,083 2,712 2,418 2,582

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Government buildings in Brisbane and Suburbs, and those erected by contract in Hobart and Suburbs.

(b) Partly estimated in respect of the City of Sydney.

# MISCELLANEOUS INDEXES OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

The following table gives particulars of the physical quantity of production of certain items which are at present available on a monthly basis. Efforts are being made to extend the field of monthly production statistics.

			N	letals.		Butter.	Electricity	and Gas.
Monthly Averag	es.	Pig Iron : Index of Production. (a)	Ingot Steel: Index of Production.	Zinc, refined : Index of Production.	ex of Produced Production		Melbourne: Energy supplied for all purposes except traction.	Sydney: Index of Sales of Gas and Electricity.
		1928–29 = 1,000.	1928–29 = 1,000.	1928-29 = 1,000.	Fine oz.	'000 lb.	Millions of K.W.H.	(c)
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33		1,000 669 505 412 729	1,000 728 528 512 907	1,000 946 856 825 839	36,496 36,844 42,463 55,683 64,034	22,796 23,576 27,732 30,889 33,222	28.0 30.9	1,036 971 951 972
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38		1,057 1,515 1,699 1,981 2,090	1,198 1,610 1,896 2,481 2,631	831 915 1,100 1,089 (d)1,084	72,680 70,381 88,280 108,173 e123,036	35,753 37,247 34,232 (e)33,012	33.9 37.9 40.9 44.0 48.0	1,001 1,046 1,107 1,152 1,212
1936–37— March April May June		1,987 1,983 1,993 1,939	2,541 2,502 2,703 2,508	(d) 1,082 1,080 1,085 1,090	105,166 110,738 115,518 116,016	(e) 37,319 30,801 23,387 17,660	42.0 46.3 50.2 50.2	1,152 1,192 1,167 1,242
July August September October November December January February March April May June June		1,914 2,024 1,925 1,832 1,914 1,970 1,945 1,977 2,073 2,184 2,447 2,810	2,451 2,616 2,433 2,508 2,586 2,601 2,523 2,500 2,622 2,736 2,835 3,112	1,088 1,090 1,083 1,077 1,080 1,085 1,085 1,084 1,082 1,077 1,081	114,141 117,067 117,664 114,544 127,982 138,722 e112,880 e126,645 e123,010 e124,923 e125,033 e134,073	17,579 21,365 30,492 40,426 49,372 50,695 45,647 41,401 36,420 29,819 24,457	55.9 48.4 47.1 47.9 45.6 45.0 41.2 44.5 48.1 46.2 51.3 55.3	1,219 1,202 1,184 1,194 1,236 1,216 1,215 1,210 1,188 1,215 1,266

<sup>(</sup>a) Revised series, now based throughout on total production. (b) Includes all central generating stations. (c) The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding months of the three years 1929 to 1931; i.e. seasonal variations are removed. Based on units of 3,412 B.T.U. (d) Estimated on the basis of production by the Electrolytic Zinc Company Ltd. (e) Subject to revision.

# MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS: FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways.

The daily average number of passenger journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

		Freight	Carried.	Passenger	•	
Per	riod.	Net Ton Miles Daily Average.	Average haul per ton.	Journeys Daily Average.	Gross Monthly Revenue.	Net Monthly Revenue.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	••	'000. 12,404 11,489 10,817 10,917 11,267	Miles. 114.1 117.6 129.1 133.3 133.1	'000. 1,013 990 851 823 858	£'000. 3,947 3,641 3,092 2,981 3,017	£'000. 812 539 513 684 777
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37	•••	 10,615 11,673 12,152 12,820	125.8 124.0 125.2 125.9	891 969 999 1,028	2,941 3,171 3,259 3,407	751 845 858 886
1936–37— March April May June		 13,201 14,332 13,541 12,223	128.6 130.4 133.6 122.1	1,070 1,019 1,074 1,030	3,579 3,546 3,438 3,167	1,135 1,070 777 —73
July August September October November December January February March April		12,114 12,246 12,776 13,129 13,116 15,738 14,625 14,323 16,158 15,287	119.7 116.6 116.3 117.3 115.9 134.1 135.1 124.7 132.6 130.9	1,024 1,032 1,029 1,021 1,072 1,020 1,023 1,095 1,035 1,292	3,354 3,447 3,587 3,690 3,674 4,020 3,734 3,376 3,875 3,781	839 863 919 1,050 890 1,326 1,148 832 1,147 1,075

### MAINLAND RAILWAYS: FREIGHT TONNAGES CARRIED.

The following table shows statistics of freight tonnages carried by the Mainland State and Commonwealth Railways.

The daily averages for freight tonnages are obtained by dividing monthly tonnages by the number of days in the month, excluding Sundays, Xmas Day and Good Friday.

Freight totals are obtained by adding together the total freight tonnages carried on the Commonwealth and State Railways and deducting the sum of the interstate tonnages carried in New South Wales and South Australia. This avoids double-counting except to a negligible extent.

Period.		Tonnage ried.								
Terrou.	Index 1928-29 = 100.	Tons.	Coal and Coke.	Other Minerals.	Wheat.	Other Grain and Flour.	Wool.	Live-stock.	Fruit.	All Other
1928-29	100	107,511	23,482	17,420	11,764	4,405	1,301	6,349	1,585	41,205
1929-30	89	96,194	21,075	15,186	8,075	4,118	1,222	6,648	1,544	38,326
1930-31	77	82,487	18,209	8,478	15,422	4,111	1,185	5,478	1,538	28,066
1931-32	75	80,824	17,693	5,899	16,447	4,520	1,295	5,069	1,440	28,461
1932-33	78	83,467	19,143	7,155	15,190	4,482	1,342	5,173	1,548	29,434
1933–34	77	83,227	20,518	7,763	10,605	4,482	1,178	5,830	1,641	31,210
1934–35	87	92,948	23,960	9,423	11,692	4,957	1,239	6,188	1,708	33,781
1935–36	89	95,765	25,474	9,516	11,505	4,505	1,164	6,477	1,657	35,467
1936–37	93	100,421	27,528	9,699	11,024	4,321	1,224	6,931	1,626	38,068
1936–37— March April May June	94 101 93 92	101,083 108,629 100,332 98,344	27,090 28,495 26,880 31,337	8,978 10,994 11,187 11,161	10,703 9,688 12,175 8,800	4,712 4,566 4,144 3,910	574 754 590 314	6,746 7,184 6,767 6,104	2,871 2,635 1,577 1,283	39,409 44,313 37,012 35,435
July August September October November December January February March April	93	100,014	30,207	11,503	6,554	4,515	736	5,901	1,314	39,284
	96	103,491	30,475	11,240	4,489	3,797	2,106	6,544	1,123	43,717
	101	108,590	30,500	12,848	4,108	4,147	3,456	7,694	1,195	44,642
	102	109,963	29,815	11,633	5,050	4,176	3,238	9,942	1,194	44,915
	104	111,318	31,210	12,817	7,898	3,938	2,312	10,139	1,312	41,692
	108	115,680	29,365	10,434	26,732	5,100	676	7,607	1,379	34,387
	100	107,468	24,997	10,156	27,143	4,899	237	7,991	1,537	30,508
	105	112,808	31,735	11,135	18,286	5,388	381	6,929	2,102	36,852
	112	120,417	30,454	11,266	16,970	5,419	643	7,617	3,193	44,855
	106	114,419	29,460	10,509	15,124	5,723	729	7,282	2,305	43,287

# INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

d Copranos eco		Ton	s (weight and m	easurement com	nbined) shipped	from—	
Monthly Averages.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total Australia.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	'000. 210 150 169 164 191	'000. 60 58 47 49 58	'000. 33 45 28 26 30	'000. 104 81 60 56 84	'000. 8 8 8 3 3 4	'000. 48 39 35 36 39	'000. 463 381 342 334 406
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37	205 231 250 284	66 74 80 92	31 32 37 39	103 150 151 184	6 7 7 8	45 55 62 68	456 549 587 675
1936-37— March April May June	273 328 292 316	96 105 92 101	21 22 28 42	188 197 181 183	10 7 8 5	83 94 78 82	671 753 679 729
July August September October November December January February March April	327 294 310 343 311 292 240 284 329 297 317	114 95 96 121 108 87 97 95 105 104 99	47 43 68 60 49 28 17 25 25 24 28	193 217 201 223 212 223 196 193 223 199 240	7 9 6 8 8 8 6 3 11 9	80 72 67 70 69 64 61 80 92 81	768 730 748 825 757 700 614 688 783 714 783

# OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

		Discharged.	a desemb		Shipped.	
Monthly Averages.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M)	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M)
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	'000. 300 362 198 173 223	'000. 206 192 87 74 102	'000. 506 554 285 247 325	'000. 378 329 484 496 470	'000. 63 54 53 61 65	'000. 441 383 537 557 535
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37	217 248 295 304	116 143 162 169	333 391 457 473	355 435 434 419	61 72 75 78	416 507 509 497
1936–37—  March  April  May  June	312 264 278 315	185 194 161 175	497 458 439 490	443 387 487 403	130 153 91 74	573 540 578 477
July August September October November December January February March April May	328 301 366 438 369 406 368 348 362 378 363	211 192 169 237 248 238 188 166 187 127	539 493 535 675 617 644 556 514 549 505 543	385 338 335 390 418 539 425 552 633 752 519	85 83 60 84 72 80 50 67 156 160 97	470 421 395 474 490 619 475 619 789 912 616

# WHOLESALE TRADE.

Some indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts, but care must be exercised in interpreting the figures. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, nor do they cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislative and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, although total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree by such changes. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Except where such changes are indicated, the "preliminary" figures are fairly comparable with one another, but they are not directly comparable with the "final" figures.

An index of activity in New South Wales is afforded by monthly returns of the sales of 42 large factories.

		Commonwealth.		New South Wales
Monthly Averages.*	Net Sales	Recorded under Sales	Tax Acts.(a)	Value of Sales of
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Taxable and Exempt Goods.	42 large factories.
1930–31	£'000. (b) 15,153 12,632 13,071 13,442 14,392 16,007 (c) 15,163 14,768 13,931	£'000. (b) 15,621 15,873 16,075 16,334 17,272 18,632 (c) 23,364 25,258 22,838	£'000. (b) 30,774 28,505 29,146 29,776 31,664 34,639  (c) 38,527 40,026 36,769	£'000.  2,065 1,999 2,098 2,248 2,427 2,661 2,912  3,147 3,106 2,938
June	13,310	21,236	34,546	2,958
August September October November December January February March April May	14,313 15,150 15,580 16,199 15,264 11,500 14,105 15,756 15,307	21,890 21,786 22,667 24,158 23,057 18,387 21,051 21,101 21,381	36,203 36,936 38,247 40,357 38,321 29,887 35,156 36,857 36,688	3,025 3,231 3,147 3,437 3,452 2,766 3,153 3,570 2,979 3,241

<sup>(</sup>a) The Act came into operation on 18th August, 1930, the rate of tax being  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. It was raised to 6 per cent. on 11th July, 1931, reduced to 5 per cent. on 26th October, 1933, and to 4 per cent. on 11th September, 1936. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. (b) "Final" figures. (c) "Preliminary" figures. (d) The list of exemptions was extended as from 11th July, 1931; 2nd September, 1932; 11th November, 1932; 27th October, 1933; 1st August, 1934; 13th December, 1934; 25th October, 1935; and 26th September, 1936.

### RETAIL TRADE.

Statistics of retail sales are collected only in two States. In New South Wales the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau, in co-operation with the Commonwealth Bank, collects returns from a number of large Sydney stores. In Queensland returns are collected by the Bureau of Industry from twelve large department stores in Brisbane and their branches in country towns. Because of the relatively rapid development of chain store business, it is uncertain to what extent the department store figures are representative of all retail trade.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES: PERCENTAGE CHANGE ON PREVIOUS YEAR.

			Sydne	y.				C	)ueens	sland.		
Period.	Av	verage of 3 m	onths e	ended			Av	erage of 3 m	onths	ended	_	
	September.	December.	Marc	ch.	June.	Year.	September.	December.	Ma	rch.	June.	Year.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	+12.4	+3.8	-0	.6	-1.6	+3.5	+1.9 +4.1 -15.4 -7.3 -0.5	+2.6 -0.2 -10.9 -7.0 -2.2	-1	2.1 4.4 5.7 2.2 4.2	+3.6 -7.3 -17.4 +1.3 -0.1	+2.6 -2.0 -14.7 -4.0 -1.7
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38	-1.8 +9.8 +5.0 +6.5 +8.1	+3.3 +6.3 +8.3 +4.6 +11.7	+3 +3 +7 +4 +6	.2 .6 .5	+7.7 +7.1 +6.5 +5.7	+3.2 +6.6 +6.9 +5.3	$\begin{array}{c} -4.3 \\ +4.8 \\ -1.3 \\ +0.8 \\ +1.4 \end{array}$	+1.8 +3.3 +1.0 -2.6 +6.1	+	5.7 2.8 0.7 3.0 2.7	+7.3 +1.1 -1.2 -1.3	+2.6 +2.9 -0.5 -1.5
	Mo	onth of—		Av	erage of 3 ended—		Mo	onth of—		Ave	erage of 3 m	
1936–37— March April May June		+8.2 +8.1 +2.0 +7.4			+4.5 +6.6 +5.9 +5.7	)		$ \begin{array}{r} -3.1 \\ -5.2 \\ -1.0 \\ +2.0 \end{array} $			-3.0 -4.1 -3.0 -1.3	
July August September October November December January February March April May	+	+5.3 -10.5 +9.6 +4.5 -17.0 -13.2 +3.7 +8.9 +6.0 +1.4			+4.8 +7.5 +8.1 +8.0 +10.3 +11.7 +11.9 +9.5 +6.3 +5.2 +6.1		1	+1.5 +0.8 +1.8 +4.9 +2.6 +9.3 +4.1 +4.4 -0.5 +5.9 +3.6			+0.8 +1.5 +1.4 +2.5 +3.1 +6.1 +5.9 +6.5 +2.7 +3.4 +3.3	

# AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(a)

£A000.

			Busir	ness within A	ustralia.			£A000.	Total Cash	
Quarter.		Deposits.	•	Advances.	Government		Treasury	London	+Treasury Bills +London	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Advances.	Municipal Securities.	Cash.	Bills.	Funds.	Funds.	
1929—2nd 1930— ,, 1931— ,, 1932— ,,	176,944 176,546 178,106 189,467	107,509 89,386 80,608 86,647	284,453 265,932 258,714 276,114	246,660 260,191 238,843 227,139	16,540 12,406 9,702 9,757	46,978 37,206 52,890 49,541	2,021 6,845 30,598	32,621 21,181 20,729 24,002	79,599 60,408 80,464 104,141	
1933— ,, 1934— ,, 1935— ,, 1936— ,,	185,262 195,232 184,501 181,014	88,586 100,946 106,067 108,943	273,848 296,178 290,568 289,957	232,321 235,446 252,229 260,651	15,419 18,231 23,361 14,863	40,972 53,010 38,417 30,770	32,985 29,313 23,952 24,948	25,353 30,222 22,442 29,425	99,310 112,545 84,811 85,143	
1937—2nd 3rd 4th 1938—1st 2nd	192,756 192,316 192,036 195,916 201,521	119,196 114,754 120,825 124,107 120,408	311,952 307,070 312,861 320,023 321,929	259,711 264,127 272,637 276,604 284,101	16,622 19,713 21,100 22,760 22,070	38,351 36,889 38,412 39,641 33,521	25,088 22,530 20,900 20,087 19,395	(d) (d) (d) (d) (d)	(d) (d) (d) (d) (d)	

		Percentages of vario	us categories of assets t	to total deposits.		
Quarter.	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + London Funds.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia. (b)	Percentage Non-interest- bearing to Total Deposits.
1929—2nd 1930— ,, 1931— ,, 1932— ,,	% 16.52 · 13.99 20.44 17.94	% 16.52 14.75 23.09 29.02	27.98 22.72 31.10 37.72	% 86.71 97.84 92.32 82.26	92.53 102.51 96.07 85.80	37.79 33.61 31.16 31.38
1933— ,, 1934— ,, 1935— ,, 1936— ,,	14.96 17.90 13.22 10.61	27.01 27.80 21.46 19.22 <sub>1</sub>	36.26 38.00 29.19 29.36	84.84 79.49 86.81 89.89	90.47 85.65 94.85 95.02	32.35 34.08 36.50 37.57
1937—2nd 3rd 4th 1938—1st' 2nd	12.29 12.01 12.28 12.39 10.41	20.34 19.35 18.96 18.66 16.44	(d) (d) (d) (d) (d)	83.26 86.02 87.14 86.43 88.25	88.58 92.44 93.89 93.54 95.11	38.20 37.37 38.62 38.78 37.40

<sup>(</sup>a) Nine trading banks, including banks subsequently amalgamated with any of the present nine.
(c) Excluding Australian Government Securities. (d) Not yet available.

(b) Excluding Treasury

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

£A000.

		G	eneral Bankin	g Departmer	nt.		Note Iss		
			Business with	in Australia.			General Banking Department.		Notes held
Quarter.		Deposits.		D.1		Govern- ment and	Sterling		outside Com- mon-
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Balances Due to Other Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short Term Loans.	Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Reserve and Short Call Money in London.	Net London Funds. (b)	wealth Bank.
1929—2nd	10,413 13,090 14,786 26,610 33,089 28,590 33,542 33,683 37,635 41,375 41,199	17,479 12,279 8,426 8,607 6,336 12,374 11,758 11,993 16,535 15,244 17,360	27,892 25,369 23,212 35,217 39,425 40,964 45,300 45,676 54,170 56,619 58,559	9,225 16,938 32,235 29,119 23,553 38,367 23,682 16,938 24,459 23,094 24,449	16,251 16,535 18,082 14,827 (a) 8,325 7,999 7,658 9,954 11,761 12,431 12,705	12,166 21,860 35,009 33,514 45,786 44,500 43,629 39,512 43,178 41,909 41,646	37,761 28,330 27,904 37,823 42,075 56,893 44,041 36,041 47,499 49,643 51,140	17,057 9,760 6,078 11,920 35,833 54,721 32,424 28,643 (c)	38,884 38,823 45,594 45,987 42,266 40,222 42,347 42,322 42,982 43,246 45,647
1938—1st 2nd	41,199 41,913 45,257	17,368 18,505	59,281 63,762	25,129 19,404	14,553 15,160	41,646 45,905 41,953	42,447 42,849	(c) (c) (c)	45,687 45,683 45,802

<sup>(</sup>a) This fall in balances was due to a change of system by which credit balances allowed as "set-offs" are deducted from gross advances. (b) Last Monday in quarter. (c) Not yet available.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

(Including Commonwealth Bank.)

			Deposits.			Government and Municipal	Percentage Non-interest-	Percentage Advances
Quarter.		Bearing Interest. (a)	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Advances.	Securities (including Treasury Bills).	bearing to Total Deposits.	to Total Deposits.
1929—2nd 1930— ,, 1931— ,, 1932— ,, 1933— ,,		£'000. 202,472 206,596 210,641 222,804 223,976	£'000. 127,695 103,968 91,047 96,437 95,800	£'000. 330,167 310,564 301,688 319,241 319,776	£'000. 284,083 300,818 281,554 263,953 261,129	£'000. 36,558 42,326 57,683 77,864 99,240	% 39.1 34.1 30.9 30.2 . 30.0	% 84.4 95.4 91.6 78.2 77.4
1934— ,, 1935— ,, 1936— ,, 1937—2nd 3rd 4th		229,807 224,262 221,175 236,788 240,088 239,630	114,228 119,087 122,582 137,922 131,814 140,000	344,035 343,349 343,757 374,710 371,902 379,630	263,795 280,840 292,467 294,723 299,231 308,435	97,542 97,277 85,123 89,182 88,411 87,438	33.2 34.7 35.6 36.7 35.4 36.8	72.7 77.8 81.1 74.8 76.5 77.3
1938—1st 2nd	• •	244,160 250,499	143,551 143,846	387,711 394,345	314,477 326,121	92,257 86,840	37.0 36.4	77.3 78.8

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded. (c) Includes Short Term Loans, other than Treasury Bills, of the Commonwealth Bank.

# BANK CLEARINGS.

In the absence of statistics of debits to customers' accounts, bank clearings form a useful index of the money-value of cheque payments. Since they do not include cheques deposited in the banks on which they are drawn, the figures are not exhaustive, and their comparability is sometimes impaired by the effects of banking amalgamations. Cheque clearings connected with the redemption or issue of Treasury Bills have been excluded from the following table, but adjustments have not been made for other sporadic transactions concerned with public finance.

£'000

				£ 000.				
Weekly Ave	erages.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	20,064 18,684 15,191 11,095 11,876	15,408 14,662 11,768 10,807 11,577	3,777 3,566 2,966 2,686 2,747	3,093 2,747 2,019 1,919 2,080	2,188 1,994 1,447 1,426 1,422	542 490 381 357 378	45,072 42,143 33,772 28,290 30,080
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38	••	13,362 13,919 15,522 17,247 17,964	12,723 13,004 14,208 15,592 16,323	2,992 3,385 3,528 3,753 4,038	2,214 2,386 2,592 2,900 3,040	1,575 1,715 1,866 1,989 2,092	411 426 507 559 577	33,277 34,835 38,223 42,040 44,034
1936–37—     March     April     May     June		17,060 18,708 18,064 17,146	17,307 17,706 15,628 14,852	3,600 3,706 4,112 4,130	3,328 3,372 3,126 2,962	1,960 2,033 1,882 1,831	568 684 641 528	43,823 46,209 43,453 41,449
July August September October November December January February March April May June		18,016 16,009 18,212 18,693 18,347 18,992 15,569 18,904 17,992 17,367 18,883 18,601	16,032 14,176 15,303 16,978 16,357 18,569 14,377 17,397 16,508 17,000 17,119 16,385	4,411 3,848 4,285 4,301 3,827 3,845 3,523 4,247 4,020 3,569 4,126 4,424	2,793 2,590 2,842 3,122 2,995 3,353 2,766 3,409 3,284 3,095 3,349 2,945	1,925 1,775 1,871 2,074 2,105 2,465 2,226 2,468 2,220 1,904 2,174 1,875	539 526 520 537 521 598 658 518 632 621 687 574	43,716 38,924 43,033 45,705 44,152 47,822 39,119 46,943 44,656 43,556 46,338 44,804

# AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT IN SAVINGS BANKS.

Amount on deposit at end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia (a
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	£'000. 85,728 82,465 69,811 71,648 72,308	£'000. 72,707 69,367 63,243 65,680 67,814	£'000. 24,076 23,901 22,354 22,952 23,453	£'000. 25,228 24,012 21,422 21,567 22,515	£'000. 11,609 11,729 10,867 10,218 10,064	£'000, 5,811 5,699 5,366 5,587 5,865	£'000. 225,486 217,511 193,375 197,966 202,282
1933–34	75,714	69,971	24,834	23,438	10,399	6,039	210,676
1934–35	77,906	72,019	26,197	24,185	10,929	6,430	217,949
1935–36	80,000	73,890	27,132	25,309	11,517	6,818	224,962
1936–37	81,952	75,720	27,304	26,506	11,835	7,215	230,851
1937–38	86,016	78,877	28,206	27,240	12,037	7,691	240,428
1936–37—  March  April  May  June	79,770	73,892	26,795	25,716	11,497	7,043	225,029
	79,961	74,302	26,700	25,857	11,543	7,080	225,755
	79,979	74,292	26,606	25,784	11,574	7,114	225,663
	81,952	75,720	27,304	26,506	11,835	7,215	230,851
July August September October November December January February March April May June	81,949	75,808	27,462	26,530	11,797	7,276	231,140
	82,229	76,116	27,621	26,485	11,838	7,412	232,029
	82,467	76,294	27,972	26,457	11,892	7,434	232,845
	82,960	76,813	28,267	26,510	11,945	7,465	234,297
	83,227	77,243	28,534	26,511	12,007	7,470	235,329
	82,819	76,580	28,195	26,357	11,821	7,402	233,501
	83,283	76,847	27,895	26,472	11,806	7,453	234,082
	83,698	77,228	27,749	26,547	11,822	7,566	234,940
	83,989	77,431	27,627	26,636	11,817	7,593	235,431
	84,211	77,790	27,574	26,694	11,819	7,615	236,048
	84,310	77,714	27,520	26,619	11,811	7,632	235,955
	86,016	78,877	28,206	27,240	12,037	7,691	240,428

<sup>(</sup>a) Including Territories.

# INTEREST RATES AND BOND YIELDS: AUSTRALIA.

			rading Bank ixed Deposit		Common- wealth Savings Bank.		Yield on	Yield on Australian Securities.			
Period.			2				Aust	ralian Conso	lidated Loai	ns.	
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Deposits (maximum rate).	Treasury Bills.	All Issues.	4% 1941.	4% 1944 and 1947.	4% 1950, '53, '55, '57, '59 and 1961.	
1928–29	4.0 4.2 4.5 3.0 2.2°	% 4.0 4.3 4.8 3.4 2.7	% 4.5 4.7 5.0 3.8 3.0	% 5.0 5.1 5.3 4.1 3.2	% 3.9 4.0 4.0 3.0 2.6	% 4.50 5.22 5.88 4.17 3.35	% 5.35 5.71 (a) (b) 4.99 3.98	% .:. (b) 5.24 3.89	% .:. (b) 5.02 3.93	% .:. (b) 4.77 3.96	
1933–34	2.0 1.3 1.3 2.0 2.0	2.4 1.8 1.8 2.5 2.5	2.7 2.3 2.4 2.75 2.75	2.9 2.6 2.6 3.0 3.0	2.5 2.1 2.0 2.0 2.0	2.44 1.95 1.75 1.75	3.53 3.32 3.76 3.89 3.68	3.41 3.19 3.72 3.81 3.57	3.50 3.28 3.76 3.88 3.66	3.64 3.45 3.84 3.95 3.78	
June 1937–38— July August September October November December January February March April May June 1938–39—	2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5	2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75	3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0	2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0	1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75	3.72 3.73 3.75 3.81 3.65 3.63 3.56 3.53 3.59 3.70 3.77 3.73	3.52 3.63 3.68 3.77 3.73 3.60 3.48 3.41 3.23 3.29 3.50 3.79 3.79	3.62 3.71 3.76 3.79 3.75 3.57 3.62 3.47 3.49 3.55 3.67 3.75 3.81	3.84 3.85 3.85 3.86 3.85 3.76 3.75 3.70 3.71 3.70 3.74 3.78 3.80	
July	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.60	3.53	3.67	3.77	

(a) During this year the bond market was disorganized. (b) Nine months October to June.

# RATES OF INTEREST ON FIRST MORTGAGES: NEW SOUTH WALES.

		First Mortg	ages Registered. Pr	oportion of total amou	ant for which rates a	re disclosed.				
Mor	nth.	Rate of Interest per cent. per annum.								
		$4\frac{1}{2}$ or under.	Over $4\frac{1}{2}$ -5.	Over 5–6.	Over 6-7.	Over 7.				
1937—March April May June		% 40 30 43 28	% 33 36 32 35	% 23 28 21 33	% 3 3 3 2	% 1 3 1 2				
1938—March April May June		26 38 28 48	41 42 43 30	25 16 22 17	6 3 5 3	2 1 2 2				

# EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

				Exchange Rates.		Gold	Prices.
Period.			Australia on London.(a)	London on New York.	Australia on New York.(b)	Australia : Export Parity.	London.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33			£A. per £100 stg. 100.75 102.94 118.00 127.36 125.25	\$ per £ stg.  4.852 4.863 4.861 3.903 3.529	\$ per £A.  4.828 4.713 4.111 3.059 2.771	£A. per fine oz. 4.217 4.312 4.961 6.765 7.493	£ stg. per fine oz. 4.248 4.248 4.248 5.359 6.066
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38	• •		125 . 25 125 . 25 125 . 25 125 . 25 125 . 25	4.934 4.925 4.957 4.939 4.980	3.898 3.917 3.940 3.929 3.961	8.131 8.741 8.683 8.691 8.642	6.584 7.077 7.035 7.041 7.001
1936–37— March April May June	• •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	4.885 4.916 4.939 4.935	3.884 3.904 3.929 3.925	8.786 8.721 8.678 8.675	7.118 7.065 7.030 7.028
October November December January February March April May			125 . 25 125 . 25	4.966 4.983 4.961 4.956 4.994 4.997 5.000 5.018 4.985 4.979 4.967	3.950 3.964 3.941 3.941 3.972 3.975 3.977 3.991 3.966 3.960 3.952 3.945	8.642 8.612 8.663 8.673 8.650 8.627 8.617 8.626 8.635 8.627 8.645 8.685	7.001 6.977 7.018 7.026 7.008 6.989 6.981 6.988 6.995 6.989 7.004 7.036

<sup>(</sup>a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers. date. Computed through London prior to that date.

<sup>(</sup>b) Selling rate. Direct quotations from July, 1932, to

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The following tables have been prepared from information published in the monthly statements issued by each Treasury.

			Twelve months e	ended 30th June				
Government of—		1936–37.		1937–38.				
	Revenue.	Expenditure. Surplus (+) on Deficit (-).		Revenue. Expenditure.		Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).		
New South Wales (a) Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	£'000. 55,186 27,219 16,535 11,739 10,185 3,489	£'000. 55,051 27,198 16,815 11,600 10,556 3,444	£'000. + 135 + 21 - 280 + 139 - 371 + 45	£'000. 60,090 27,617 17,340 12,460 10,819 3,640	£'000. 59,976 27,587 17,568 12,336 10,830 3,633	£'000. + 114 + 30 - 228 + 124 - 11 + 7		
Six States Commonwealth	 124,353 82,808	124,664 (c)81,531	- 311 + 1,277	131,966 89,458	131,930 (c)85,964	+ 36 + 3,494		
Grand Total (b)	 197,013	196,047	+ 966	211,489	207,959	+ 3,530		

		Year 1936-37.		Est	imate year 1937-	-38.
Government of—	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales (a) Victoria	 £'000. 55,186 27,219 16,535 11,739 10,185 3,489	£'000. 55,051 27,198 16,815 11,600 10,556 3,444	£'000. + 135 + 21 - 280 + 139 - 371 + 45	£'000. 58,876 27,007 17,047 12,249 10,653 3,515	£'000. 58,867 26,995 17,377 (d) 12,298 10,782 3,512	£'000. + 9 + 12 - 330 - 49 - 129 + 3
Six States Commonwealth Grand Total (b)	 124,353 82,808 197,013	124,664 (c) 81,531 196,047	- 311 +1,277 + 966	129,347 85,190 204,472	129,831 (c) 85,160 204,926	- 484 + 30 - 454

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States on account of interest on States' debts, special grants and non-recurring grants. (c) Omitting expenditure from excess receipts of previous years. (d) Includes Supplementary estimates £53 (000).

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

	Period.		onthly average	Broadcast Listeners'		connected at end o
	Period.		eipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Lines.	Instruments.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33			 £'000. 1,071 1,133 1,073 1,033 1,053	No. 300,528 311,648 331,128 369,092 468,430	No. 384,358 395,812 376,243 363,572 363,776	No. 505,554 520,169 498,055 484,626 487,662
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38			 1,096 1,164 1,239 1,318 1,396	597,989 720,532 823,613 938,331 1,056,004	372,621 396,025 417,661 440,471 465,498	501,402 532,377 562,868 594,855 630,175
1936–37— March April May June		••	 1,318 1,438 1,260 1,487	903,493 913,644 925,764 938,331	434,783 436,615 438,502 440,471	586,586 589,563 592,112 594,855
July August Septemb October Novembe Decembe January February March April May June	er		1,329 1,326 1,367 1,381 1,377 1,515 1,337 1,334 1,528 1,303 1,456 1,500	949,833 966,083 984,193 989,186 999,059 1,006,745 1,011,118 1,016,634 1,027,930 1,033,348 1,043,455 1,056,004	442,525 444,672 446,992 449,432 451,900 454,154 455,652 457,516 459,679 461,424 463,519 465,498	597,683 600,782 603,972 607,466 610,865 613,955 616,170 618,777 621,996 624,440 627,368 630,175

<sup>(</sup>a) Actual collections.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes Papua.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

	Motor Vehicle	es on Register at e	nd of period.	New Motor Veh	nicles Registered d	uring period.(a)
Period.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
1928–29	474,359	71,851	88,049	63,147	14,049	8,656
1929–30	466,930	104,487	84,897	46,529	12,855	7,753
1930–31	429,206	97,933	76,966	15,479	3,822	2,768
1931–32	419,970	96,254	71,696	10,403	2,218	1,955
1932–33	438,499	105,837	72,896	14,024	3,366	2,639
1933–34	455,199	116,341	73,104	22,522	6,589	3,936
	457,684	155,721	75,045	36,934	10,334	5,249
	484,832	180,567	77,467	52,383	18,648	6,673
	499,289	214,296	77,912	48,587	24,191	7,479
	532,278	241,946	80,096	54,975	27,335	8,293
1936–37—  March  April  May  June	495,801	208,982	80,497	5,195	1,877	780
	488,881	208,068	76,414	4,424	2,014	687
	494,070	211,733	77,493	4,893	2,147	588
	499,289	214,296	77,912	4,694	2,310	509
July August September October November December January February March April May June	497,766	217,998	77,260	4,662	2,342	642
	501,632	220,695	77,998	4,028	2,149	640
	504,815	223,250	78,557	4,156	2,246	632
	506,844	225,170	78,986	4,263	2,449	679
	511,701	228,551	79,555	4,656	2,660	780
	518,165	231,966	80,247	5,384	2,725	823
	520,360	233,574	80,504	3,906	2,028	708
	523,155	235,382	81,201	4,424	2,021	762
	526,840	237,603	81,588	5,232	2,158	801
	527,908	238,112	80,169	5,012	2,191	672
	531,083	240,613	80,162	5,084	2,400	653
	532,278	241,946	80,096	4,168	1,966	501

<sup>(</sup>a) Excluding Northern Territory and extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia; also Federal Capital Territory prior to 1935–36. The figures relating to the earlier years are approximate only, as complete particulars are not available.

# OVERSEA TOURISTS AND MIGRANTS.

			То	urists.	I	Permanent Migrants	
Monthly	Averages.		Australians Departing Overseas.	Visitors arriving from Overseas.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-)
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33			2,079 1,913 1,034 903 1,516	2,183 2,010 1,619 1,533 1,518	3,148 2,093 1,079 757 874	1,689 2,118 2,188 1,385 1,068	+1,459 - 25 -1,109 - 628 - 194
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37 1937–38			1,480 1,641 1,756 1,937 2,060	1,536 2,068 1,957 2,294 2,617	901 1,020 1,095 1,148 1,478	1,029 959 935 954 926	- 128 + 61 + 160 + 194 + 552
1936–37— March April May June		• •	3,876 2,469 2,008 1,139	3,238 2,525 1,776 2,122	1,490 1,129 1,148 1,123	1,303 1,095 1,160 857	+ 187 + 34 - 12 + 266
July August September October November December January February March April May June			1,525 1,001 1,008 1,177 1,447 3,150 2,525 2,395 3,914 3,077 2,212 1,284	2,041 1,843 1,929 2,155 2,465 3,289 3,636 3,111 3,307 3,482 2,239 1,909	1,275 1,239 1,318 1,482 1,652 1,835 1,752 1,316 1,745 1,401 1,421 1,303	939 606 797 719 775 838 977 908 1,282 1,271 1,119 876	+ 336 + 633 + 521 + 763 + 877 + 997 + 775 + 408 + 463 + 130 + 302 + 427

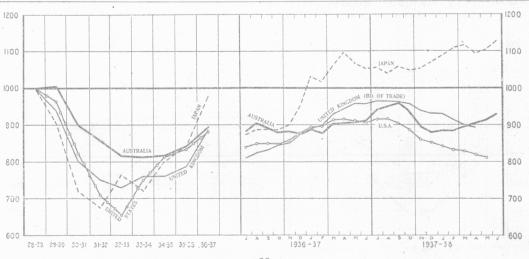
# BANKRUPTCIES AND INSOLVENCIES.

	Sequestr	ations. (a)	Comp	ositions.	Deeds of A	rrangement.	T	otal.
Monthly Averages.	Number.	Gross Liabilities.	Number.	Gross Liabilities.	Number.	Gross Liabilities.	Number.	Gross Liabilities
(b) 1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	90 119 154 100 80	£'000. 106 162 161 172 164	47 62 95 63 45	£'000. 73 102 150 200 138	42 83 138 84 60	£'000. 159 232 354 179 138	179 264 387 247 185	£'000. 338 496 665 551 440
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36	82 67 70 73	126 84 85 91	47 42 39 35	121 125 136 130	49 35 34 31	100 68 64 60	178 144 143 139	347 277 285 281
1936–37— March April May June	81 70 66 92	96 128 76 155	76 60 36 35	392 214 71 79	42 28 30 . 38	56 55 57 47	199 158 132 165	544 397 204 281
July August September October November December January February March April May June	94 69 76 73 73 73 46 75 79 59 82 78	84 100 69 78 125 80 78 44 99 39 82 54	19 23 19 24 13 20 9 32 80 64 60 33	43 52 46 75 19 53 26 114 420 254 253 82	25 34 25 30 31 23 20 24 35 32 34 31	45 58 31 50 89 39 31 34 44 34 32 76	138 126 120 127 117 116 75 131 194 155 176 142	172 210 146 203 233 172 135 192 563 327 367 212

<sup>(</sup>a) Including Orders for Administration of Deceased Debtors' Estates (b) Years ended 31st July.

# WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES: PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

	United K	lingdom.	U.S.A.	Japan.	Germany.	France.	Italy.	Canada.	South Africa.	New Zealand.	Aus- tralia.
Period.	Board of Trade.	Econo- mist.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.	Bank of Japan.	Stat. Reichsamt.	Stat. Générale.	Milan.	Dominion Statistician	Census and Statistics Office.	Govern- ment Statistician.	Common- wealth Statis- tician.
1928–29 1929–30 1930–31 1931–32 1932–33	1,000 939 799 749 729	1,000 912 728 672 650	1,000 962 821 708 654	1,000 901 718 674 764	1,000 950 847 742 668	1,000 901 840 701 628	1,000 917 755 660 600	1,000 995 821 732 690	1,000 925 843 816 745	1,000 994 942 888 873	1,000 1,004 898 857 815
1933–34 1934–35 1935–36 1936–37	759 760 786 883	683 698 740 836	748 811 832 879	721 798 841 975	688 724 742 755	612 542 549 770	565 581 719 801	743 757 764 850	854 811 823 831	890 905 939 972	811 814 840 892
1936–37— March	928 942 957 956	917 901 907 886	913 915 911 906	1,059 1,095 1,066 1,052	762 760 761 762	851 854 851 861	836 852 870 891	902 909 898 893	831 —	986 992 1,006 1,014	903 904 906 911
July August September October November December January February March April May June	963 962 960 956 937 929 930 914 899 891 881 870	891 877 865 839 810 811 802 795 780 772 760 789	914 915 904 887 860 852 842 832 828 818 811	1,055 1,039 1,053 1,045 1,053 1,069 1,087 1,106 1,115 1,094 1,104	765 767 763 761 758 758 759 760 759 759	900 933 975 972 962 976 984 976 981 995 1,012	905 909 922 940 952 958 957 950 947 946 954	923 903 897 894 877 873 885 882 877 869 848	854 - 871 - 904 - 878	1,013 1,022 1,021 1,025 1,048 1,049 1,027 1,024 1,020 1,018 1,014	941 949 957 936 895 879 885 886 894 903 911 928



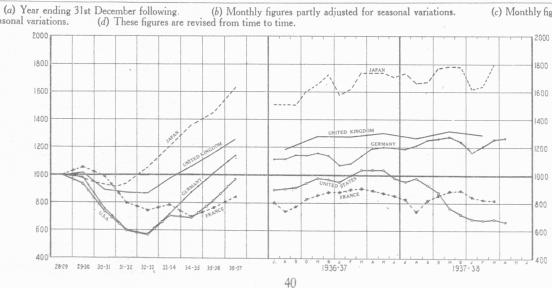
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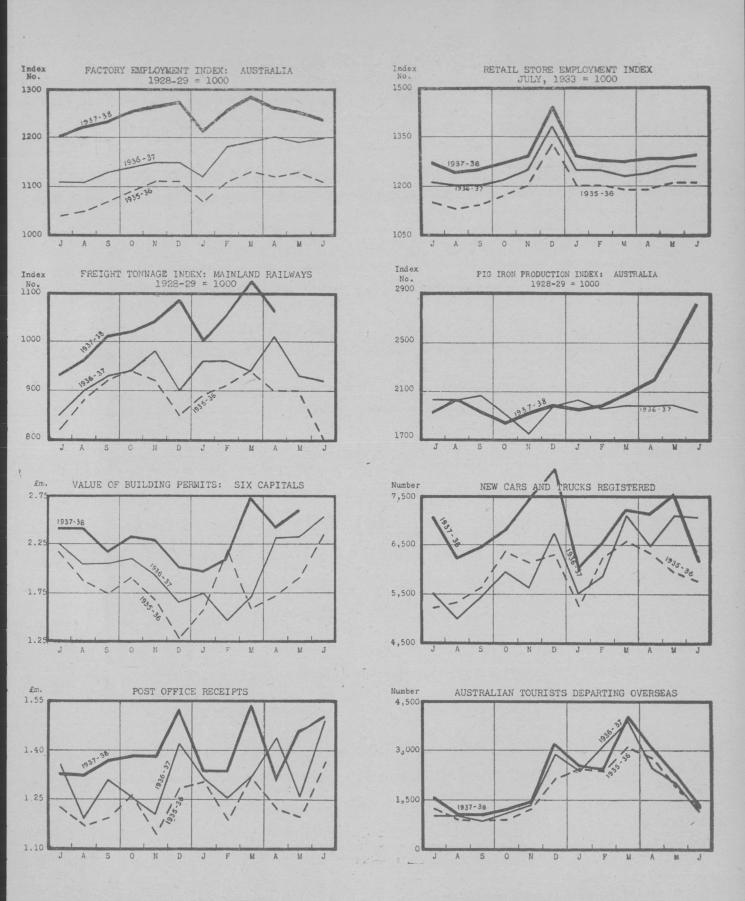
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			Indexe	s of Industri	al Production	n (Manufact	uring and N	Iining).			Quantum
Period.	United Kingdon	1	•	Japan.	Germany.	France.	Canada.	U.S.S.R.	World including U.S.S.R.	World excluding U.S.S.R.	of Inter- national Trade
		Federal Res	erve Board.			•	,		(d)	(d)	(d)
	Board o Trade.	Adjusted.	Unad- justed.	Official.	Inst. für Konjunkt.	Official.	Official.	Gosplan.	L. of N.	L. of N.	L. of N.
1929–30 . 1930–31 . 1931–32 .	. 1,000 . 1,018 . 893 . 872	936 739 599	1,000 936 739 599 568	(a)1,000 (a) 948 (a) 916 936 1,057	1,000 982 759 601 564	1,000 1,055 994 799 745	1,000 935 775 647 549	1,000 1,338 1,626 2,036 2,185	(a)1,000 (a) 884 (a) 791 (a) 690 705	(a)1,000 (a) 863 (a) 748 (a) 630 643	(a)1,000 979 881 804 728
1934–35 . 1935–36 .	. 977 . 1,065 . 1,155 . 1,255	693	708 693 816 970	1,205 1,360 1,452 1,633	714 878 1,012 1,141	787 698 765 846	702 771 857 965	2,481 2,985 3,886	831 883 1,021	761 791 891 1,020	758 774 835 916
March . April . May .	1,296	1,009 1,009 1,009 974	1,038 1,038 1,038 979	1,736 1,727 1,739 1,706	1,138 1,189 1,199 1,195	903 887 867 851	968 1,018 997 1,032		• • •	1,050 1,067 1,068 1,044	990
July August September October November December January February March	1,323	949 872 752 718 684	953 979 928 868 766 681 672 672 681 664	1,731 1,661 1,667 1,769 1,781 1,779 1,616 1,638 1,791	1,193 1,215 1,253 1,261 1,277 1,241 1,166 1,214 1,254 1,263	825 736 816 854 883 883 844 825 815	1,034 1,005 1,008 1,048 1,055 990 897 849 871 921			1,043 1,048 1,038 1,008 929 891	961 

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